

Bruce McLaren Intermediate School

Principal's Update: 27 October 2021

For Bruce McLaren Intermediate School Parents and Caregivers

Kia ora koutou katoa. Mālo ni.

Welcome to Week 2, Term 4 – Tokelau Language Week.

I am writing to you following the Government's announcement that plans are underway to support the return to onsite learning for our schools who are in Alert Level 3 areas and to do this in a way that is as safe as possible.

The restrictions of Alert Level 3 and 4 in Auckland have been a real challenge to the wellbeing of our tamariki and whānau and we have heard from many of you that your tamariki are keen to see their friends and teachers kanohi ki te kanohi.

You can be reassured that any decisions about bringing more children and staff on-site will be done in accordance with strict public health guidance – so what on-site learning will look like will be different than Alert Level 2 or Alert Level 1 settings. For example, this might mean attending school two days a week and learning from home for the other three. We wait and see.

The earliest a return to school will happen is 15 November, and we will provide more information about this closer to the time. Again, we wait and see.

In the meantime, vaccination and testing remains the best thing we can do to keep whānau and our community as safe as possible. COVID-19 is finding those who are unvaccinated in this outbreak.

We need to look after our most vulnerable people, and it is great to see our community vaccination rates continue to go up. There are also now three million New Zealanders fully vaccinated – which is fantastic news!

Please do encourage your friends and whānau who might be worried about the vaccine to seek good information from health practitioners, so they can make a well-informed decision.

BMIS will continue to provide distance learning until we hear otherwise from the Ministry of Education. Safety is always our priority.

BMIS farewells Mr Chester this week. We wish him well with his future endeavours and safe travels. Thank you for your energy and efforts teaching Room 2, being a strong advocate for the mighty Manawanui and with the extracurricular activities you involved yourself in for our students.

Keep sending your favourite whanau recipes to Mrs Pye. And the CHANGE CHALLENGE continues this week.

Stay safe and stay warm in this Spring weather.

Come on BMIS community – we've got this! 90%+ vaccination rate is the target.

Me mahi tahi tatou mō te orange o te katoa.

We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone.

Ngā mihi

Liz Wood - Principal